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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 40

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Pérez

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March 21, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 40—Relative to organ donation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 40, as amended, John A. Pérez. Donate Life California Day: driver's license.

This measure would designate April 9, 2013, as DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and April 2013 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the State of California, and would encourage all Californians to sign up with the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Organ, tissue, eye, and blood donations are
2 compassionate and life-giving acts looked upon and recognized
3 with the highest regard; and

4 WHEREAS, More than 117,000 individuals nationwide and
5 more than 21,000 Californians are currently on the national organ
6 transplant wait list. While about one-third of these patients receive
7 a transplant each year, another one-third die while waiting due to
8 a shortage of donated organs; and

9 WHEREAS, A single individual's donation of heart, lungs,
10 liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight
11 lives. The donation of tissue can save and enhance the lives of up
12 to 50 others, and a single blood donation can help three people in
13 need; and

14 WHEREAS, Millions of lives each year are saved and enhanced
15 by donors of organs, tissue, eyes, and blood; and

16 WHEREAS, Californians by the millions are joining together
17 to save and enhance lives by becoming registered donors. Nearly
18 nine million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized
19 Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry to ensure
20 that their wishes to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor are honored;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, A California resident can register with the Donate
23 Life California Registry when applying for or renewing his or her
24 driver's license or identification card at the Department of Motor
25 Vehicles; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring*, That in recognition of April as National Donate
28 Life Month, the Legislature proclaims April 9, 2013, as
29 DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and
30 April 2013 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the State of
31 California. In doing so, the Legislature encourages all Californians
32 to check "YES" when applying for or renewing a driver's license
33 or identification card or by signing up at
34 www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org;
35 and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
37 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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